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SUBJECT: ILO - CONVERSATION WITH ILO OFFICE DIRECTOR IN
WASHINGTON

REF: GENEVA 2651

1. NED PERSONS, ILO DIRECTOR, CALLED ON ASST SECY MAYNES
APRIL 11 TO DISCUSS VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD TO
U.S. IN MAY. MAYNES SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH
BLANCHARD AND HOPED MEETING WITH SECRETARY WOULD BE
POSSIBLE ALSO, THOUGH SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE BOTH HEAVY AND
UNCERTAIN SO THERE COULD BE NO ASSURANCE.

2. WHEN QUESTION OF BLANCHARD REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT AROSE, MAYNES COMMENTED THIS BEING HANDLED BY
LABOR SECRETARY MARSHALL. MAYNES WENT ON TO OFFER
PERSONAL VIEW THAT BLANCHARD MIGHT WANT TO CAREFULLY
CHOOSE TIME TO REQUEST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. IT IS
QUESTIONABLE WHETHER NOW IS BEST TIME SINCE U.S. POLICY
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ON ILO IS FIRM, AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT HANDWRITTEN NOTE
FROM PRESIDENT TO EFFECT U.S. WOULD LEAVE ILO UNLESS
REFORMS ACHIEVED. MAYNES SUGGESTED BETTER TIME FOR
BLANCHARD TO SEE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE AFTER JUNE CONFERENCE
WHEN BLANCHARD COULD PRESENT WRAPUP OF RESULTS OF

CONFERENCE. FYI, PERSONS SAID HE HAD ALREADY MADE SUCH

SUGGEST TO BLANCHARD WITH NO RESULTS. END FYI.

3. PERSONS ASKED THAT BLANCHARD BE INVITED TO CABINET-
LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 6, TO WHICH MAYNES REPLIED
CLC SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE FORUM FOR BLANCHARD TO PRESENT
HIS VIEWS, SINCE CLC IS INTERNAL USG POLICY-MAKING
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